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In re Application of: ALAUX et al

Serial No. 09/807,573

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002 (Paper No. 6), please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 2 to read as follows:

2. (Twice amended) A controlled-release pharmaceutical composition with
gastric residence comprising two or three layers and further comprising:

(a) an active principle combined with an excipient which modifies its release,
(b) a carbon dioxide-generating system in a swelling hydrophilic polymer matrix
consisting of a hydrophilic polymer chosen from the following families of hydrophilic
polymers:

- natural polysaccharides,
- cellulose derivatives,
- polyvinylpyrrolidones,
- polymers derived from acrylic acid and methacrylic acid and salts thereof, or
- aminoacid polymers,

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